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ABOUT THE COVER

The cover photo is of the Methodist Church, built in 1886 in the town of Marysville, 20 miles northwest of Helena. This early day boom town was founded by Thomas Cruse, owner of the Drum Lummon mine. According to author Muriel Wolle in her book, "Montana Paydirt", "Thomas Cruse was asked to donate two lots for a community church and grudgingly gave one. Unaccountably, when the building was completed it covered two lots".

Photo by Jerry Eaton

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Labor Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.

2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.

3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).

4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian labor force.

5. Residence Data - a count of employment by where people live.

6. Establishment Data - a count of employment by where people work.

7. Seasonally Adjusted Labor Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the labor force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.

8. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, total Accessions and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims; and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Department of Commerce.

9. Real Spendable Average Weekly Earnings of Private Nonagricultural Production Workers - represents the earnings of a hypothetical individual after deductions for State Income, Federal Income and Social Security taxes, and adjustment for change in purchasing power since 1967. This individual is assumed to be sole support for a family of four, earn the average weekly gross earnings of production workers in Montana's private nonagricultural industries, and take standard deductions on State and Federal income taxes. Taxes were computed using standard tax tables, and purchasing power was adjusted by deflating Spendable Earnings based on the national Consumer Price Index.

10. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.

11. CETA - Comprehensive Employment and Training Act of 1974.

12. CETA-CEP - Concentrated Employment Program funded under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act.

13. SMSA - Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area as determined by Office of Management and Budget. Must have a central city with population of 50,000 or more.

14. LMA - Labor Market Area as determined by the Montana Employment Security Division consists of a central city or cities with population of less than 50,000, and the economically integrated geographical area surrounding it.

NOTE: Series Change

Beginning with the April 1975 release, all total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates for the State and all areas have been revised - including seasonally adjusted series - and are not comparable with data published earlier. The Montana State Employment Security Agency, like all State Employment Security Agencies, is revising its total unemployment and total unemployment rate estimates to reflect new data on persons entering and re-entering the labor force. The old series was based on relationships that existed in the early 1960's. Over the intervening decade these relationships have shifted as a result of institutional changes such as the earlier openings of schools in the fall and earlier closing in the spring, and demographic changes such as increased labor force participation of women. Historical series for State and Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas - both raw and seasonally adjusted - back through 1970 are available upon request.

MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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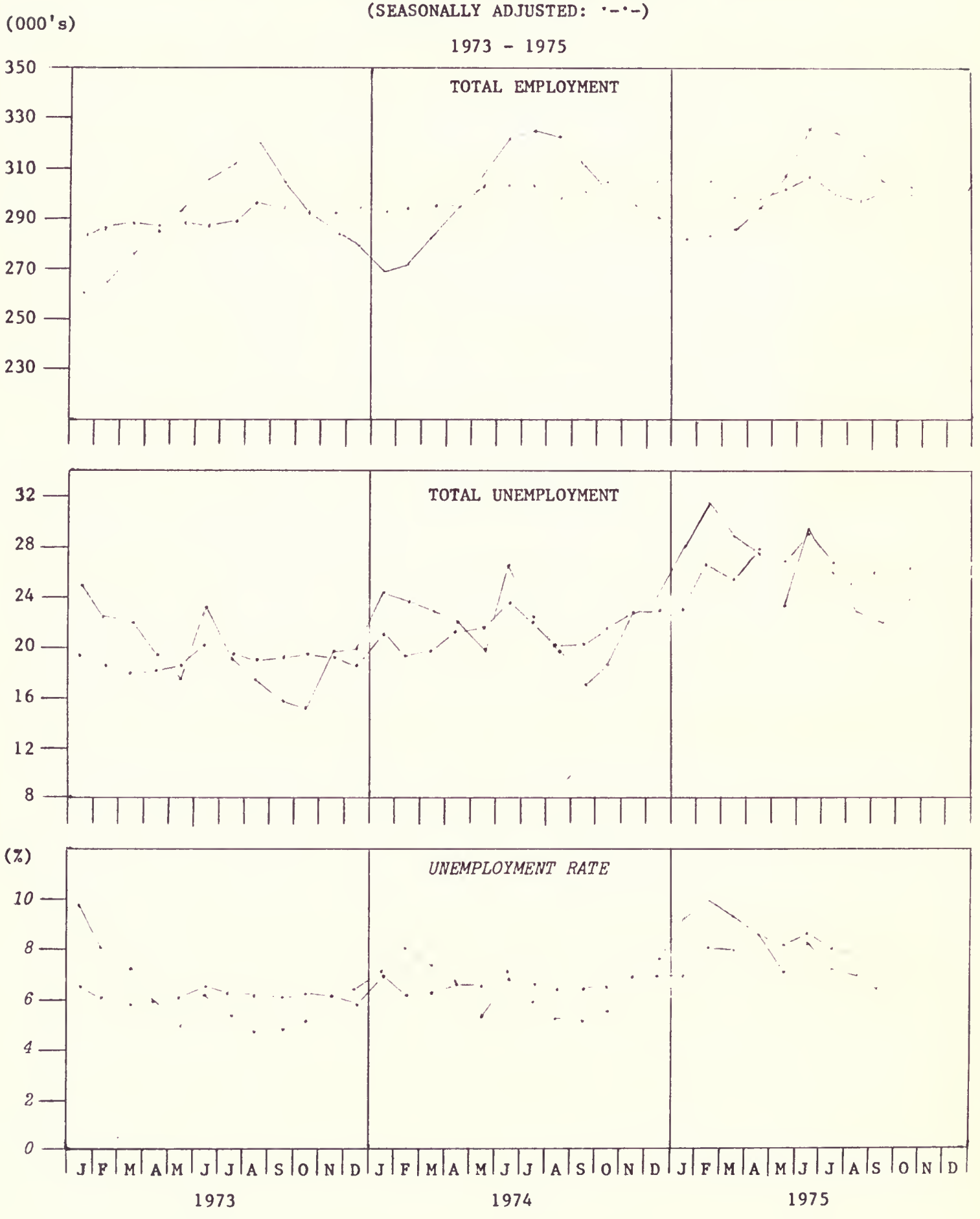


HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

NOVEMBER 1975

STATE OF MONTANA Montana's October labor force was 330,500, a decrease of 9,600 from September but an increase of 8,200 from a year ago. Montana's unemployment rate for the month was 7.2% compared with the 6.6% of last month and 5.5% for October of 1974. Employment was down 11,200 from last month mainly because of nonmanufacturing industries and agriculture.

October's manufacturing employment was down 800 from the previous month and down 500 from a year ago. Lumber and wood products employment decreased by 1,400 from September, but was up 200 from a year ago.

There were 223,300 employed in the nonmanufacturing industries, a decline of 4,500 from the previous month, but an increase of 7,400 over the same period last year. Industries showing notable increases from last year were: wholesale and retail trades, up 2,700; services up 1,900 and local government up 2,900. Mining employment showed a drop of 400 from a year ago, mainly attributed to metal mining. Contract construction was down 600 with a sharp decrease in heavy construction. Nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households increased by 300 in October over last year; however, dropping 600 from the previous month.

Montana's labor turnover rates for manufacturing for September showed manufacturing accession rate at 4.0% compared with 5.1% in August and 3.4% last September. The manufacturing separation rate was 5.3% which was higher than the 4.3% recorded last month but was lower than the 6.9% last year for the same time. The mining accession rate in September was 3.1%, down from the 3.3% in August and the 3.5% in September 1974. The September mining separation rate at 4.9% increased slightly from last month but was significantly down from the 7.4% of last year.

Total private average weekly earnings for Montana were $164.71 in October, down $.82 from the previous month but up $6.96 from October 1974. Average weekly hours for the state were 36.2 compared to 36.3 for September and 36.6 one year ago. Total average hourly earnings were $4.55, a 5.6% increase over last year. October's percent changes for hourly earnings in the major industries from a year ago were: manufacturing, a 6.8% increase; mining, a 9.5% increase; contract construction, a 1.0% decrease; transportation and public utilities, a 6.2% increase; wholesale and retail trade, a 6.5% increase; finance, insurance and real estate, a 7.6% increase and services, a 5.9% increase.

There were 720 building permits issued in Montana during September with a total valuation of $11.6 million. For the first nine months of 1975 there were a total of 4,548 permits issued in the state with a valuation of $97.1 million. Last year during the same time period, 3,778 permits were given out, valued at $81 million. There have been 1,431 residential permits issued including 1,976 housing units so far this year, while in 1974 for the same period there were 1,218 residential permits issued containing 1,952 housing units.

Montana's cumulative bank debits during the first nine months of 1975 are up 36% over last year. Communities showing increases were: Belt, Cascade, Cut Bank, Glasgow, Glendive, Havre, Malta, Laurel, Worden, Bozeman, Butte, Helena, Livingston and Missoula.

Areas showing decreases were: Great Falls, Billings, Harlowton, Miles City, Anaconda and Kalispell.

Total Montana agricultural employment for October was 29,900. By mid-October winter wheat condition was reported to be good in all areas except in the southeast where it was fair. Montana's 1975 alfalfa seed production is expected to be 1.0 million pounds down from the previous year. Feeder cattle for slaughter in the state were down 32% from one year ago and Montana feeders expect to market 30,000 head from October through December, which would be 39% less than a year earlier. During the third quarter of 1975 there were 76 million pounds of milk produced, equal to the same quarter last year.

Oil and gas areas in Montana announced production of crude oil and condensate for August averaged 90,081 barrels daily, an increase of 2,762 barrels from July. In August 1974 production averaged 92,956 barrels daily. Seventy-three wells were completed in August including 8 oil, 19 gas and 46 dry holes. There were 122 permits issued to drill new wells this month compared with 89 last month and 73 one year ago for August.

GREAT FALLS SMSA (Cascade County)

For September 1975, 124 building permits were issued in Great Falls with a total valuation of $1.6 million. Through the first nine months of this year 780 permits have been issued, valued at $18.6 million. Last year for the same time, 735 permits were issued with a total valuation of $8.3 million. Major construction projects in the area include a new $4 million Vo-Tech center, a new $8.7 million hospital, a new Salvation Army complex with an estimated cost of $500,000 , and a new $5.3 million addition to another hospital. September bank debits in the Great Falls Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area were up 10% over the previous month and were up 3% over last year for the 12 month period through September. The October total employment in Cascade County was 31,300, a decrease of 300 from the previous month and the same number that were working one year ago. The unemployment rate was 7.9% this month compared to 7.1% in September and 5.5% for the same month last year.

BILLINGS SMSA (Yellowstone County)

There were 171 building permits issued in the city of Billings for September with a valuation of $3.6 million. Last year during the same month 98 permits were issued, valued at $1.7 million. During the first nine months of this year there were 538 residential permits issued containing 708 housing units while for the same period one year ago 398 residential permits were issued containing 552 housing units. A new building complex that will house large community functions opened this month. The building will hold 9,000 people and employ nearly two dozen full time workers and several hundred part time workers. It was announced this month that construction will begin on a 14 story, $6 million bank building that will also include leasing space for businesses. Yellowstone County total employment was 45,300 for October, an increase of 100 from last month and an increase of 600 from October of 1974. The unemployment rate for this month was 7.2% compared to 6.6% in September and 5.5% last October.

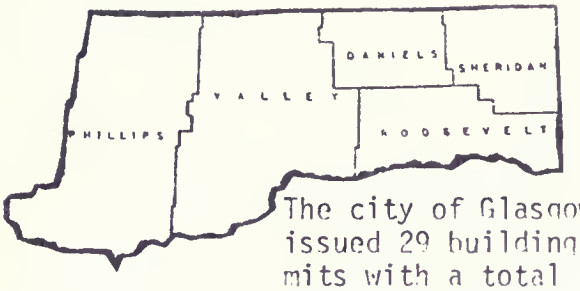
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA

The cities of Butte and Anaconda issued 142 permits during the first eight months of 1975 with a total valuation of $2.4 million compared to one year ago when 139 permits were issued with a valutation of $4.8 million. A housing subdivision in Butte was proposed this month that will include 121 home building sites on about 80 acres. Also in Butte, the federal government has awarded $2.7 million since March for a study on magneto-hydrodynamics generators. At Deer Lodge a complete city block of houses is being built with a total value of nearly $500,000. The area's major mining company will close its under ground mines in November which will result in another 320 layoffs. Employment in the Labor Market Area was 32,600 for October, down 2,400 from a year ago. The unemployment rate for the area was 9.4% compared to 6.0% last year for this same month.

BOZEMAN LMA

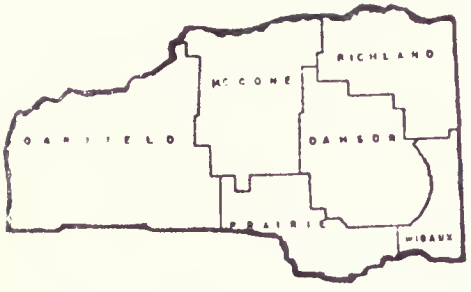
In Bozeman, cumulative bank debits for January through September were up 8% over the same period one year ago while at Livingston they increased 4%. There have been 169 building permits issued in Bozeman during the first eight months of this year valued at $4.6 million. There were 71 residential permits including 102 housing units. Last year for the same time, 188 permits were issued and valued at $7.3 million, 49 of which were issued for residential dwellings containing 68 housing units. At Livingston, for the first eight months 92 permits were issued valued at $926,000. There were 19 residential permits including 48 housing units. During the same period a year ago there were 78 permits valued at $791,000 of which 24 were for residential dwellings including 25 housing units. The Bozeman Labor Market Area's unemployment rate was 6.8% for October, up from the 6.1% in September and the 5.0% recorded a year ago.

GLASGOW LMA



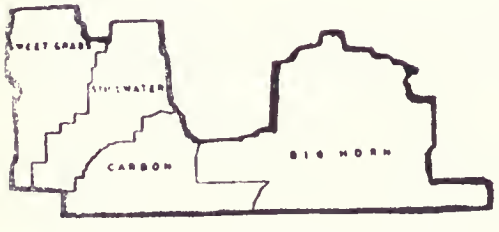
The city of Glasgow issued 29 building permits with a total valuation of $407,000 during the first eight months of 1975 while in Wolf Point, thirteen permits were issued valued at $93,000. A year ago during this same period Glasgow had issued 33 permits with a valuation of $500,000 and Wolf Point issued 51 permits valued at $222,000. Bank debits in Glasgow for this year through September were up 3% over a year ago. The metal fabrication plant near Poplar added a night shift operation increasing its work force. The camouflage netting enterprise in Roosevelt County has a work force of approximately 160 at this time. Employment in the Labor Market Area was 15,400 in October, 2% above one year ago. The unemployment rate for the month was 5.8% compared to the 3.7% last year.

GLENDIVE LMA



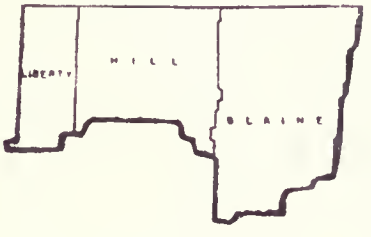
Retail trade in the area reported an increase during the month and construction work has been steady. At present, 220 persons are working for the railroad in Glendive with a $2.7 million annual payroll. Coal business is booming and as many as six, one-hundred car trains pass through the city each day headed for the midwest. There were 27 building permits issued in Glendive during the first eight months of 1975 valued at $629,000, compared with a year ago when 36 permits were issued valued at $682,000. At Sidney, for the period from January through August, 87 permits were issued with a total valuation of $943,000, while for a year ago there were 943 permits issued with a valuation of $1.1 million. Total employment in October for the labor market area was 12,800 and the unemployment rate was 4.4% compared with a year ago when there were 12,700 employed and a 2.9% unemployment rate.

HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA



Sugar beet yields in Big Horn County are lower than in other areas primarily due to the delayed planting season this year because of wet spring weather conditions. Sugar content of the beets, however, was excellent. During the first eight months of this year 17 building permits were issued in the city of Hardin valued at $346,000. Twelve of these permits were for residential dwellings that included twelve new housing units. It was announced this month that the cannery in Red Lodge will close in the near future. The business had an annual payroll of $260,000 and had been a part of the community for about 50 years. In October, 10,300 persons were employed in the Hardin-Red Lodge labor market area, a 2% increase from a year ago, while the unemployment rate dipped to 4.8% from the 5.6% recorded in October 1974.

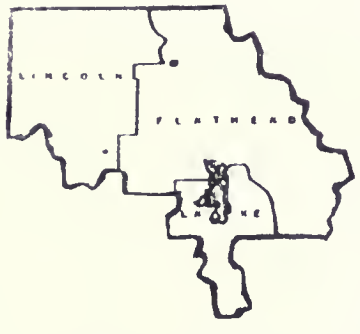
HAVRE LMA



Bank debits in Havre for the twelve month period through September were up 58% over the same period one year ago and were up 70% so far in 1975 through September. All area construction projects were at full pace during the month as good weather prevailed. Eighty-two building permits have been issued for the first eight months of 1975 with a total valuation of $2.1 million. Last year for the same period 79 permits were issued valued at just over $1 million. So far this year 29 residential permits have been issued including 51 housing units, while in 1974 for the same time there were 28 residential permits with 30 housing units. In Phillips County work began on the building of approximately 150,000 feet of pipeline which is expected to link 23 gas wells to the Montana-Dakota distribution line. Havre's LMA unemployment rate for October was 5.3% compared with 4.7% in September and 4.5% one year ago at the same time. The total employment was 11,400 in October, 300 more than at the same time last year.

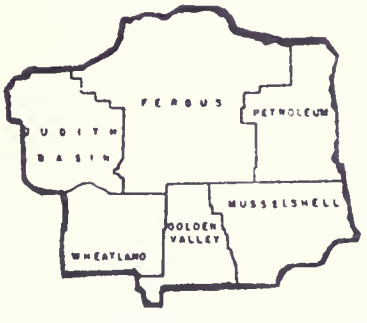
HELENA LMA

Construction activity in the Helena area was good during the month as several major building projects continued. Included in these are a new library building, a new post office complex, two new state government office buildings and numerous housing starts. Road construction is also progressing at a rapid pace on the new four lane highway at McDonald Pass. During the first eight months of this year 567 building permits were issued in Helena valued at $9.6 million. In 1974 for the same period 233 permits were issued with a total valuation $5.7 million. One hundred thirty one housing units are included in the residential permits this year compared to 38 one year ago. Out of a Civilian Work Force of 21,800 for the Labor Market Area there were 20,400 persons employed with an unemployment rate of 6.6%.



KALISPELL LMA

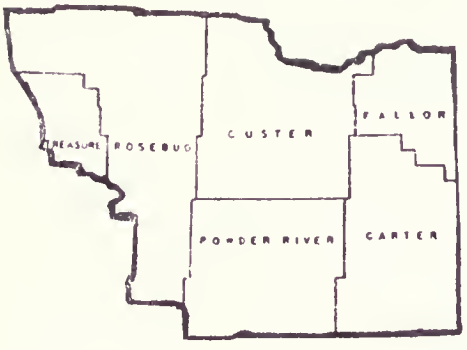
There were 76 building permits issued in Kalispell during the first eight months of 1975 with a total valuation of $788,000. Last year for the same period there were 116 permits issued valued at $6.5 million. Bank debits were up 5% in September over this same month a year ago, however, they are down 8% for the first nine months of 1975 as compared to the same period a year ago. In the Libby area, commercial harvesting of Christmas trees was completed by the first of November. The National Park Service awarded a $122,750 contract for installation of sheet metal piling on the highway from Babb to Many Glacier. For October the Kalispell Labor Market Area employment increased 4,300 from one year ago, however, the unemployment rate also increased from 9.9% last year to 11.4% this year.



LEWISTOWN LMA

Total employment in the Lewistown Labor Market Area was 10,300, down 600 from last month but a 4% increase from one year ago. The October unemployment rate was 4.2%, slightly higher than the 3.7% recorded for the previous month but lower than the 4.6% recorded for the same time one year ago. Through the first eight months of 1975, 65 permits were issued in Lewistown valued at $1.1 million. Last year during the same period 59 permits were issued with a total valuation of $546,000. A large corporation is expected to have a large number of workers in the area for the next two to three years, engaging in an overhaul and updating of minuteman missiles.

MILES CITY LMA

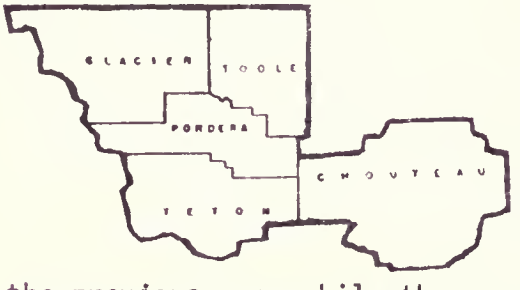


Employment in the Miles City LMA was 12,700 in October down 100 from one year ago. The labor markets unemployment rate was 4.7 percent an increase from the 2.9 percent record last year for the same period. The city of Miles City issued 242 building permits for the eight months of 1975 with a valuation $1.7 million while last year for the same months 171 permits were issued valued at $1.3 million. So far this year the city has had 38 residential permits containing 40 new housing units compared to a year ago when there were 20 permits issued for 20 housing units. During the past month a new oil discovery was made and four well exploration series were begun. Oil activity in Fallon County is also said to be increasing. Sugar beet harvest was slowed during the month by adverse weather conditions.

MISSOULA LMA

The unemployment rate for the Missoula Labor Market Area for October was 9.1 percent up from the 8.9 percent recorded in September and the 7.9 percent recorded for the same month one year ago. Total employment in the LMA showed a 1.6 percent decrease from a year ago. Bank debits for the twelve month period through September were up 58 percent over the previous year which was above the state average. The areas lumber industry continues to experience a general slowdown in activity as several major mills continue to cut back employment and working hours. A total of 57 residential permits and seven commercial permits were issued for the city of Missoula in August with a total valuation of $1.5 million. This compares to a total of 59 starts during the same period last year with a $1.6 million valuation.

SHELBY CUT BANK LMA



Octobers total employment in the Labor Market Area was 16,400 an 3.0% increase over the previous year while the unemployment rate was 5.2 percent compared to 4.6 percent one year ago. The new housing project located at Browning continues to be the areas major construction project. At Cut Bank, 60 building permits were issued for the first eight months of 1975 with a total valuation of $164,000. Last year for the same period 44 permits were issued valued at $474,000. All other basic industries are reported to be stable.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S LABOR FORCE

Montana labor forecast for November includes an 8.2 percent unemployment rate, with a civilian labor force of 327,700 and total employment of 300,900. The unemployment rate for the same month in 1974 was 7.0 percent, substantialy below this year. Employment is expected to pick up prior to the holiday season in wholesale-retail and service trades, then taper off during the winter months. Weather will cause a drop in outdoor employment activities including construction, lumber and wood products and agriculture.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER 1975

Program	New Enrollees	Job Placements	End of Month Enrollment
WIN	250	90	2,001
CETA-CEP	81	118	214
CETA-INST.	27	31	169
CETA-OJT	29	25	132
JOB CORPS	42	50	250

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U. S.[1/]

(1967 = 100)

Group	Oct. 1975	*Percent Change From:* Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974
All Items	164.6	*0.6%*	*7.6%*

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED[2/]

OCTOBER 1975

Social Characteristics	*Percent of Total Covered Unemployment*
Non-White	*4.1%*
Female	*41.2%*
Youth	*15.1%*
Over 45	*21.9%*

1/ The Consumer Price Index measures changes in prices of goods and services bought by urban wage earners and clerical workers, including families and single persons.

2/ Based on 20% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent #		
						Montana	U. S.	
1973								
January	286.2	261.1	238.7	22.4	25.1	8.8	5.5	.1
February	289.1	265.6	240.3	25.3	23.5	8.1	5.6	*
March	297.6	276.0	245.4	30.6	21.6	7.3	5.2	*
April	303.3	285.1	248.4	36.7	18.2	6.0	4.8	.2
May	309.2	293.7	255.2	38.5	15.5	5.0	4.3	.4
June	326.0	305.7	264.6	41.1	20.3	6.2	5.4	.5
July	329.9	311.6	263.5	48.1	18.3	5.6	5.0	*
August	338.0	321.7	264.4	57.3	16.3	4.8	4.7	.1
September	320.9	305.2	260.1	45.1	15.7	4.9	4.7	.1
October	308.3	292.3	257.4	34.9	16.0	5.2	4.2	.1
November	302.4	283.6	254.2	29.4	18.8	6.2	4.5	*
December	299.5	280.1	254.4	25.7	19.4	6.5	4.5	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	6.2	4.9	.1
1974								
January	298.1	270.5	245.7	24.8	27.6	9.2	5.6	.1
February	298.2	273.9	249.1	24.8	24.3	8.1	5.7	*
March	308.2	284.8	254.5	30.3	23.4	7.6	5.3	*
April	316.4	295.0	261.0	34.0	21.4	6.8	4.8	*
May	327.8	309.5	270.0	39.5	18.3	5.6	4.6	4.0
June	346.8	322.8	277.7	45.1	24.0	6.9	5.8	2.0
July	347.4	326.4	277.7	48.7	21.0	6.0	5.6	*
August	341.8	323.9	277.9	46.0	17.9	5.3	5.3	.2
September	329.7	312.4	275.6	36.8	17.3	5.2	5.7	*
October	322.3	304.2	269.3	34.9	18.1	5.6	5.5	*
November	319.3	296.9	266.5	30.4	22.4	7.0	6.2	.1
December	315.1	291.0	265.2	25.8	24.1	7.7	6.7	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	312.8	283.9	257.1	26.8	28.9	9.3	9.0	*
February	317.3	285.6	256.3	29.3	31.7	10.0	9.1	*
March	315.4	286.4	260.2	26.2	29.0	9.2	9.1	.3
April	324.0	296.0	263.1	32.9	28.0	8.7	8.6	.2
May	332.3	308.6	270.3	38.3	23.7	7.1	8.3	.1
June	355.6	326.0	282.4	43.6	29.6	8.3	9.1	.1
July[r]	350.5	324.9	282.7	42.2	25.6	7.3	9.7	.2
August	352.0	329.1	284.0	45.1	22.9	6.5	8.2	*
September	340.1	317.7	282.5	35.2	22.4	6.6	8.1	.3
October	330.5	306.5	276.6	29.9	24.0	7.1	7.8	.3
November	*327.7*	*300.9*	*274.9*	*26.0*	*26.8*	*8.2*		*
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

r *Revised.*

RESIDENCE DATA

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Labor Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Disputes 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent #		
						County	State	
1973								
January	30.1	27.3	26.4	.9	2.8	*9.1*	*8.8*	*
February	30.2	27.6	26.6	1.0	2.6	*8.6*	*8.1*	*
March	30.8	28.4	27.2	1.2	2.4	*7.7*	*7.3*	*
April	31.6	29.4	28.0	1.4	2.2	*6.9*	*6.0*	*
May	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	*7.0*	*5.0*	*
June	33.9	30.9	29.3	1.6	3.0	*8.9*	*6.2*	0
July	33.6	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.4	*7.1*	*5.6*	0
August	33.5	31.5	29.2	2.3	2.0	*6.0*	*4.8*	0
September	32.9	30.9	29.1	1.8	2.0	*6.2*	*4.9*	*
October	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	*5.5*	*5.2*	0
November	31.5	29.5	28.3	1.2	2.0	*6.4*	*6.2*	*
December	31.3	29.3	28.3	1.0	2.0	*6.4*	*6.5*	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	*7.2*	*6.2*	*
1974								
January	31.5	28.6	27.6	1.0	2.9	*9.3*	*9.2*	*
February	31.1	28.7	27.7	1.0	2.4	*7.6*	*8.1*	*
March	31.9	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.3	*7.2*	*7.6*	*
April	32.3	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.0	*6.2*	*6.3*	*
May	32.4	30.4	28.7	1.7	2.0	*6.2*	*5.6*	1.4
June	34.1	31.6	29.6	2.0	2.5	*7.3*	*6.9*	1.2
July	33.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	2.2	*6.4*	*6.0*	*
August	33.8	31.8	29.8	2.0	2.0	*5.8*	*5.3*	*
September	33.2	31.3	29.7	1.6	1.9	*5.6*	*5.2*	*
October	33.1	31.3	29.8	1.5	1.8	*5.5*	*5.6*	*
November	32.1	30.1	28.7	1.4	2.0	*6.3*	*7.0*	*
December	32.2	30.1	29.0	1.1	2.1	*6.6*	*7.7*	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	*6.7*	*6.7*	.2
1975								*
January	31.6	29.0	28.0	1.0	2.6	*8.4*	*9.3*	*
February	32.2	29.2	28.0	1.2	3.0	*9.5*	*10.0*	.1
March	32.5	29.7	28.7	1.0	2.8	*8.5*	*9.2*	.1
April	33.3	30.6	29.3	1.3	2.7	*8.2*	*8.7*	*
May	33.8	31.4	29.9	1.5	2.4	*7.0*	*7.1*	*
June	35.3	32.5	30.8	1.7	2.8	*8.1*	*8.3*	*
July[P]	34.8	32.1	30.4	1.7	2.7	*7.9*	*7.3*	*
August	34.9	32.4	30.6	1.8	2.5	*7.1*	*6.5*	*
September	34.5	32.1	30.7	1.4	2.4	*7.1*	*6.6*	*
October	34.0	31.3	30.1	1.2	2.7	*7.9*	*7.2*	*
November	*32.7*	*30.2*	*29.2*	*1.0*	*2.5*	*7.6*	*8.2*	
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*
\# *Computed from whole (unrounded numbers).* *Series began January 1970.*
1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*
r: *Revised.*

Table III

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County	Percent# State	
1973								
January	40.6	37.9	36.9	1.0	2.7	6.6	8.8	*
February	40.8	38.5	37.4	1.1	2.3	5.5	8.1	*
March	41.5	39.5	38.1	1.4	2.0	4.9	7.3	0
April	42.8	40.9	39.2	1.7	1.9	4.6	6.0	*
May	43.3	41.2	39.4	1.8	2.1	4.7	5.0	*
June	45.5	42.7	40.8	1.9	2.8	6.2	6.2	.3
July	45.3	42.8	40.6	2.2	2.5	5.6	5.6	*
August	45.5	43.2	40.6	2.6	2.3	5.1	4.8	*
September	44.0	42.1	40.0	2.1	1.9	4.4	4.9	*
October	44.5	42.5	40.9	1.6	2.0	4.6	5.2	*
November	44.6	42.4	41.1	1.3	2.2	4.9	6.2	*
December	44.2	42.2	41.0	1.2	2.0	4.4	6.5	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.2	*
1974								
January	44.0	40.6	39.5	1.1	3.4	7.8	9.2	0
February	43.9	41.3	40.2	1.1	2.6	5.9	8.1	0
March	44.6	42.2	40.6	1.6	2.4	5.4	7.6	0
April	45.1	42.9	41.2	1.7	2.2	4.9	6.8	0
May	45.6	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.0	4.4	5.6	.5
June	48.1	45.0	42.7	2.3	3.1	6.3	6.9	.5
July	47.9	45.4	42.9	2.5	2.5	5.3	6.0	*
August	47.0	44.9	42.5	2.4	2.1	4.4	5.3	*
September	46.1	44.1	42.2	1.9	2.0	4.4	5.2	*
October	46.6	44.7	42.9	1.8	1.9	4.2	5.6	*
November	45.9	43.6	42.0	1.6	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.3	42.0	1.3	2.5	5.4	7.7	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	44.9	41.4	40.2	1.2	3.5	7.9	9.3	*
February	45.2	41.6	40.3	1.3	3.6	8.0	10.0	*
March	45.3	41.7	40.5	1.2	3.6	7.9	9.2	.1
April	46.3	42.9	41.4	1.5	3.4	7.4	8.7	*
May	46.7	44.1	42.3	1.8	2.6	5.6	7.1	*
June	48.4	45.0	43.0	2.0	3.4	7.0	8.3	*
July r	48.5	45.3	43.4	1.9	3.2	6.6	7.3	*
August	48.6	45.6	43.5	2.1	3.0	6.3	6.5	*
September	48.1	45.2	43.6	1.6	2.9	6.0	6.6	.2
October	48.1	45.3	43.9	1.4	2.8	5.8	7.2	.2
November	*47.5*	*44.5*	*43.3*	*1.2*	*3.0*	*6.4*	*8.2*	
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month in italics is a forecast.* *Previous month preliminary.*

\# *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.* *Series began January 1970.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

r *Revised.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

OCTOBER 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Oct. 1975	Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	330.5	340.1	322.3	-9.6	8.2
2. Unemployment	24.0	22.4	18.1	1.6	5.9
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.2*	*6.6*	*5.6*	*.6*	*1.6*
3. Employment, Total	306.5	317.7	304.2	-11.2	2.3
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	245.3	250.6	238.3	-5.3	7.0
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*247.3*	*252.6*	*240.4*	*-5.3*	*6.9*
MANUFACTURING	*24.0*	*24.8*	*24.5*	*-0.8*	*-0.5*
Durable Goods	*15.5*	*16.9*	*15.5*	*-1.4*	*0.0*
24 Lumber and Wood Products	*8.9*	*10.3*	*8.7*	*-1.4*	*0.2*
33 Primary Metal Industries	*3.2*	*3.2*	*3.4*	*0.0*	*-0.2*
Other Durable Goods	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.4*	*0.0*	*0.0*
Nondurable Goods	*8.5*	*7.9*	*9.0*	*0.6*	*-0.5*
20 Food and Kindred Products	*4.2*	*3.5*	*4.3*	*0.7*	*-0.1*
27 Printing and Publishing	*1.9*	*1.9*	*2.1*	*0.0*	*-0.2*
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	*1.1*	*1.2*	*1.1*	*-0.1*	*0.0*
Other Nondurable Goods	*1.3*	*1.3*	*1.5*	*0.0*	*-0.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*223.3*	*227.8*	*215.9*	*-4.5*	*7.4*
Mining	*7.1*	*7.0*	*7.5*	*0.1*	*-0.4*
10 Metal Mining	*2.9*	*2.9*	*4.1*	*0.0*	*-1.2*
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.6*	*0.0*	*0.4*
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	*2.2*	*2.1*	*1.8*	*0.1*	*0.4*

Contract Construction	13.5	13.9	14.1	-0.4	-0.6
15 General Building Contractors	6.1	6.0	5.4	0.1	0.7
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	2.6	2.9	3.6	-0.3	-1.0
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.8	5.0	5.1	-0.2	-0.3
Transportation and Public Utilities	19.5	19.5	20.1	0.0	-0.6
40 Railroad Transportation	6.1	6.0	6.7	0.1	-0.6
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.8	5.9	6.2	-0.1	-0.4
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	7.6	7.6	7.2	0.0	0.4
Wholesale and Retail Trade	63.1	64.6	60.4	-1.5	2.7
Wholesale Trade	12.4	12.4	12.9	0.0	-0.5
Retail Trade	50.7	52.2	47.5	-1.5	3.2
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories	9.3	9.3	8.1	0.0	1.2
54 Food Stores	6.7	6.7	6.1	0.0	0.6
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.6	8.8	8.6	-0.2	0.0
58 Eating and Drinking Places	15.4	16.7	14.8	-1.3	0.6
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc.	10.7	10.7	9.9	0.0	0.8
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	10.8	10.8	10.7	0.0	0.1
Services	45.8	48.0	43.9	-2.2	1.9
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	6.1	7.5	6.0	-1.4	0.1
72 Personal Services	2.7	2.8	2.5	-0.1	0.2
80 Medical and other Health Services	14.4	14.4	13.9	0.0	0.5
Other Services	22.6	23.3	21.5	-0.7	1.1
Government	63.5	64.0	59.2	-0.5	4.3
91 Federal Government	13.4	14.4	12.6	-1.0	0.8
State and Local Government	50.1	49.6	46.6	0.5	3.5
92 State Government	17.7	16.8	17.1	0.9	0.6
93 Local Government	32.4	32.8	29.5	-0.4	2.9
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment[2/]	31.3	31.9	31.0	-.6	.3
(c) Agriculture	29.9	35.2	34.9	-5.3	-5.0
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes[3/]	.3	.3	*	0	-

1/ Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.
2/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.
3/ Non-Additive, included in Line (a). Establishment Series began January 1964; Residence Series began January 1970.
** Under 50. Produced in cooperation with U.S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.*

RESIDENCE DATA
(ESTABLISHMENT DATA in italics)

Table V

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

OCTOBER 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Oct. 1975	Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	34.0	34.5	33.1	-.5	.9
2. Unemployment	2.7	2.4	1.8	.3	.9
Percent of Labor Force#	*7.9*	*7.1*	*5.5*	*.9*	*2.4*
3. Employment, Total	31.3	32.1	31.3	-.8	0
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	27.7	28.2	27.4	-.5	.3
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*28.8*	*29.4*	*27.5*	*-.6*	*1.3*
MANUFACTURING	*1.8*	*1.8*	*2.0*	*0*	*-.2*
NONMANUFACTURING	*27.0*	*27.6*	*25.5*	*-.6*	*1.5*
Contract Construction	*2.2*	*2.2*	*1.8*	*0*	*.4*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*2.4*	*2.5*	*2.5*	*-.1*	*-.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*8.5*	*8.8*	*8.1*	*-.3*	*.4*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*6.1*	*6.2*	*5.3*	*-.1*	*.8*
Government	*5.8*	*5.9*	*5.9*	*-.1*	*-.1*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	2.4	2.5	2.4	-.1	0
(c) Agriculture	1.2	1.4	1.5	-.2	-.3
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	*	*	*	*	*

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers. * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics. Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.

Table VI

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Employment by Industry

OCTOBER 1975

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Oct. 1975	Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974	Net Changes to Current Month from: Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974
1. Civilian Labor Force	48.1	48.1	46.6	0	1.5
2. Unemployment	2.8	2.9	1.9	-.1	.9
Percent of Labor Force#	*5.8*	*6.0*	*4.2*	-.2	1.6
3. Employment, Total	45.3	45.2	44.7	.1	.6
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Adjusted for Dual Job Holders (Residence Data)	39.6	39.3	38.7	.3	.9
NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY (Establishment Data)	*39.6*	*39.3*	*38.4*	*.3*	*1.2*
MANUFACTURING	*3.4*	*3.4*	*3.8*	*0*	*-.4*
NONMANUFACTURING	*36.2*	*35.9*	*34.6*	*.3*	*1.6*
Contract Construction	*2.3*	*2.5*	*2.2*	*-0.2*	*.1*
Transportation and Public Utilities	*3.6*	*3.6*	*3.7*	*0*	*-.1*
Wholesale and Retail Trade	*13.0*	*13.2*	*12.0*	*-.2*	*1.0*
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	*2.0*	*2.0*	*1.9*	*0*	*.1*
Services and Mining	*8.2*	*8.1*	*8.2*	*.1*	*0*
Government	*7.1*	*6.5*	*6.6*	*.6*	*.5*
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment 1/	4.3	4.3	4.2	0	.1
(c) Agriculture	1.4	1.6	1.8	-.2	-.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	.2	.2	*	0	-

1/ Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

*# Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers * Under 50. Current month preliminary.*
Establishment Series began January 1958. Residence Series began January 1974.
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Table VII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Aug. 1975	Sept. 1975	Oct. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sept. 1975	Oct. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sept. 1975	Oct. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sept. 1975	Oct. 1975
STATEWIDE	352.0	340.1	330.5	329.1	317.7	306.5	22.9	22.4	24.0	6.5	6.6	7.2
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.9	34.5	34.0	32.4	32.1	31.3	2.5	2.4	2.7	7.1	7.1	7.9
BILLINGS SMSA	48.6	48.1	48.1	45.6	45.2	45.3	3.0	2.9	2.8	6.3	6.0	5.8
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	268.5	257.5	248.4	251.1	240.4	229.9	17.4	17.1	18.5	6.5	6.6	7.4
ANACONDA-BUTTE	38.3	37.0	36.0	35.0	33.7	32.6	3.3	3.3	3.4	8.6	8.8	9.4
BOZEMAN	26.4	25.3	24.2	24.9	23.8	22.5	1.5	1.5	1.7	5.8	6.1	6.8
GLASGOW	18.0	16.9	16.3	17.1	16.1	15.4	.9	.8	.9	4.8	4.5	5.8
GLENDIVE	14.7	14.0	13.4	14.1	13.5	12.8	.6	.5	.6	4.0	3.9	4.4
HARDIN-RED LODGE	11.9	11.3	10.8	11.3	10.8	10.3	.6	.5	.5	5.0	4.5	4.8
HAVRE	13.2	12.5	12.0	12.5	11.9	11.4	.7	.6	.6	5.3	4.7	5.3
HELENA	23.1	22.3	21.8	21.7	21.0	20.4	1.4	1.3	1.4	6.2	5.7	6.6
KALISPELL	34.6	33.5	32.6	31.5	30.2	28.8	3.1	3.3	3.8	9.0	9.9	11.4
LEWISTOWN	11.9	11.3	10.8	11.4	10.9	10.3	.5	.4	.5	3.9	3.7	4.2
MILES CITY	14.5	13.8	13.3	13.9	13.3	12.7	.6	.5	.6	4.1	3.8	4.7
MISSOULA	42.5	41.5	39.9	39.1	37.8	36.3	3.4	3.7	3.6	8.0	8.9	9.1
SHELBY-CUT BANK	19.4	18.1	17.3	18.6	17.4	16.4	.8	.7	.9	4.2	3.6	5.2

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 29. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas.

TABLE VIII

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS[1/]

Civilian Labor Force

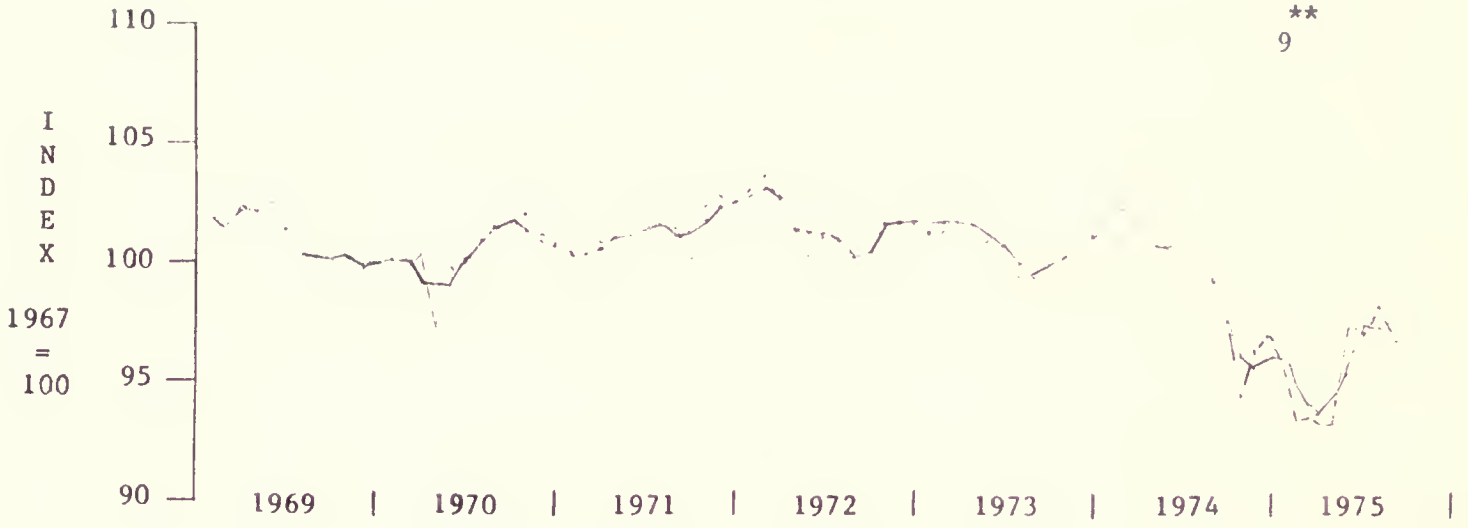
in Thousands

	CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE			EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT RATE		
	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1974	Percent Change 1974-1975	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1974	Net Change 1974-1975
STATEWIDE	330.5	322.3	*2.5*	306.5	304.2	*7.6*	24.0	18.1	*5.9*	7.2	5.6	*1.6*
GREAT FALLS SMSA	34.0	33.1	*2.7*	31.3	31.3	-	2.7	1.8	*.9*	7.9	5.5	*2.4*
BILLINGS SMSA	48.1	46.6	*3.2*	45.3	44.7	*1.3*	2.8	1.9	*.9*	5.8	4.2	*1.6*
BALANCE OF STATE[2/]	248.4	242.6	*2.4*	229.9	228.2	*.7*	18.5	14.4	*4.1*	7.4	5.9	*1.5*
ANACONDA-BUTTE	36.0	35.5	*1.4*	32.6	33.4	*-2.4*	3.4	2.1	*1.3*	9.4	6.0	*3.4*
BOZEMAN	24.2	24.3	*- .4*	22.5	23.1	*2.6*	1.7	1.2	*.5*	6.8	5.0	*1.8*
GLASGOW	16.3	15.7	*3.8*	15.4	15.1	*2.0*	.9	.6	*.3*	5.8	3.7	*2.1*
GLENDIVE	13.4	13.1	*2.3*	12.8	12.7	*.8*	.6	.4	*.2*	4.4	2.9	*1.5*
HARDIN-RED LODGE	10.8	10.7	*.9*	10.3	10.1	*2.0*	.5	.6	*- .1*	4.8	5.6	*- .8*
HAVRE	12.0	11.6	*3.4*	11.4	11.1	*2.7*	.6	.5	*.1*	5.3	4.5	*.8*
HELENA	21.8	21.6	*.9*	20.4	20.4	-	1.4	1.2	*.2*	6.6	5.4	*1.2*
KALISPELL	32.6	30.7	*6.2*	28.8	27.6	*4.3*	3.8	3.1	*.7*	11.4	9.9	*1.5*
LEWISTOWN	10.8	10.4	*3.8*	10.3	9.9	*4.0*	.5	.5	-	4.2	4.6	*- .4*
MILES CITY	13.3	13.2	*.8*	12.7	12.8	*- .8*	.6	.4	*.2*	4.7	2.9	*1.8*
MISSOULA	39.9	40.0	*- .3*	36.3	36.9	*-1.6*	3.6	3.1	*.5*	9.1	7.9	*1.2*
SHELBY-CUT BANK	17.3	15.8	*9.5*	16.4	15.1	*8.6*	.9	.7	*.2*	5.2	4.6	*.6*

1/ A list of counties included in each Labor Market Area appears on page 23. See map on inside back cover.
2/ Statewide, excluding Great Falls and Billings Standard Metropolitan Statistical Areas

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1974	
January	102.7
February	103.0
March	101.4
April	100.6
May	100.3
June	101.6
July	101.5
August	99.4
September	97.7
October	94.3
November	96.1
December	96.9
1975	
January	95.8
February	93.5
March	93.8
April	93.5
May	93.2
June	97.5
July	97.0
August	98.4
September	96.8
October	
November	
December	

MONTANA'S COMPOSITE INDEX

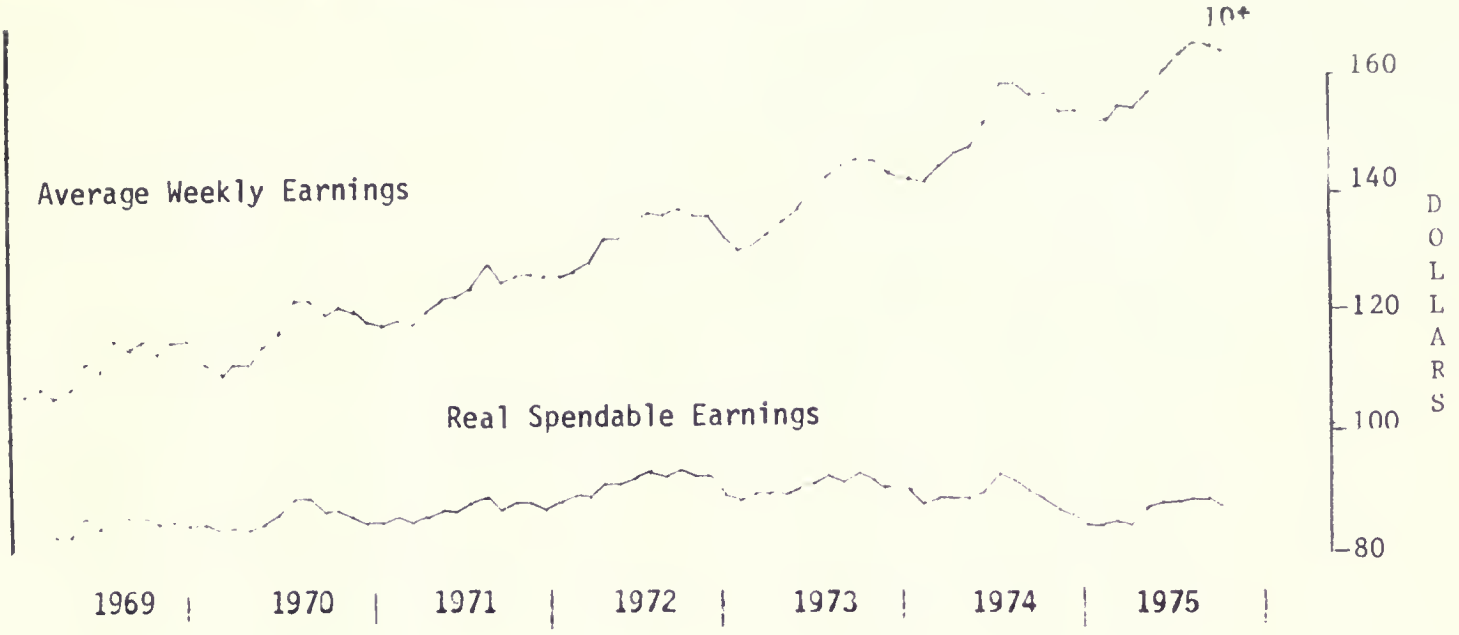
Montana's Composite Index for September has declined after three months of strong increases above the all time low of 93.2 established in May. September recorded a 96.8 index value, a decrease of 1.6% below August and 1.0% below last September. Only two leading indicators - Average Weekly Hours and Building Permits - continued positive trends. The four indicators displaying negative trends were Accessions, Layoffs, Average Weekly Intial Claims, and Manufacturing Employment. The Composite Index for October should remain about the same as September's index.

In the graph above the solid line is a three-month moving average which removes irregular effects and more clearly shows the cyclical trend.

* *Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.*

** *Indicates last month of plotted data.*

REAL SPENDABLE AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS OF PRIVATE NONAGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION WORKERS (1967 DOLLARS)



	Oct. 1975	Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974
Gross Average Weekly Earnings	$164.71	$165.53	$157.75
Taxes Withheld	23.27	23.52	23.94
Spendable Earnings	141.44	142.02	133.81
Adjustment for Price Changes Since 1967	55.52	55.21	46.35
Real Spendable Earnings in 1967 Dollars	85.92	86.81	87.46

1974	Average Weekly Earnings 1/	Real Spendable Earnings 2/
Jul.	$159.90	$91.50
Aug.	159.84	90.31
Sep.	157.38	88.10
Oct.	157.75	87.46
Nov.	154.94	85.40
Dec.	154.28	84.52
1975		
Jan.	152.28	83.19
Feb.	152.80	82.90
Mar.	155.09	83.58
Apr.	154.22	82.77
May	157.24	85.48
Jun.	160.81	86.37
Jul.	163.52	86.63
Aug.	165.07	87.04
Sep.	165.53	86.81
Oct.	164.71p	35.92p
Nov.		
Dec.		

Average weekly earnings for the month of October were $164.71, which is a slight drop from the $165.53 recorded for September. This was partly attributed to the slight decrease in average weekly hours. At the same time, real spendable weekly earnings declined from $86.81 to $85.92 over the same time period. Inflation took an even further cut in the average Montana worker's real wages.

* *Indicate last month of plotted data.* *p: Preliminary*

1/ Average weekly earnings of total private nonagricultural production workers.

2/ Real spendable average weekly earnings of private nonagricultural production workers.

Table IX

MONTANA CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # Montana	Percent # U. S.	
1973								
January	303.1	283.5	250.4	33.1	19.6	6.5	5.0	.1
February	304.8	286.1	251.5	34.6	18.7	6.1	5.1	*
March	306.7	288.7	253.0	35.7	18.0	5.9	5.0	*
April	305.6	287.4	252.6	34.8	18.2	6.0	5.0	.2
May	307.0	288.2	252.7	35.5	18.8	6.1	5.0	.4
June	307.2	287.1	254.7	32.4	20.1	6.5	4.8	.5
July	309.1	289.7	252.4	37.3	19.4	6.3	4.7	*
August	315.4	296.2	253.4	42.8	19.2	6.1	4.8	.1
September	313.9	294.6	254.9	39.7	19.3	6.1	4.8	.1
October	313.3	293.7	256.3	37.4	19.6	6.3	4.5	.1
November	311.6	292.2	256.4	35.8	19.4	6.2	4.7	*
December	312.8	294.4	258.4	36.0	18.4	5.9	4.8	*
1973 Avg.	309.2	290.1	253.8	36.3	19.1	6.2	4.9	.1
1974								
January	315.1	293.2	257.5	35.7	21.9	7.0	5.2	.1
February	314.2	294.7	260.4	34.3	19.5	6.2	5.2	*
March	317.1	297.2	261.8	35.4	19.9	6.3	5.1	*
April	318.6	297.2	265.1	32.1	21.4	6.7	5.0	*
May	325.5	303.9	267.3	36.6	21.6	6.6	5.2	4.0
June	327.8	304.1	267.9	36.2	23.7	7.2	5.2	2.0
July	326.6	304.6	266.5	38.1	22.0	6.7	5.3	*
August	319.2	298.4	267.0	31.4	20.8	6.5	5.4	.2
September	322.6	301.7	270.5	31.2	20.9	6.5	5.8	*
October	327.3	305.6	268.1	37.5	21.7	6.6	6.0	*
November	328.5	305.5	268.7	36.8	23.0	7.0	6.6	.1
December	328.2	305.1	269.1	36.0	23.1	7.0	7.2	*
1974 Avg.	322.6	301.0	265.9	35.1	21.6	6.7	5.6	.5
1975								
January	329.8	306.6	268.9	37.7	23.2	7.0	8.2	*
February	333.4	306.4	267.7	38.7	27.0	8.1	8.2	*
March	324.4	298.8	267.7	31.1	25.6	7.9	8.7	.3
April	326.1	298.0	267.0	31.0	28.1	8.6	8.9	.2
May	329.9	302.9	267.5	35.4	27.0	8.2	9.2	.1
June	336.6	307.3	272.6	34.7	29.3	8.7	8.6	.1
July[p]	329.9	303.3	271.7	31.6	26.6	8.1	8.4	.2
August	329.5	303.7	273.1	30.6	25.8	7.8	8.4	*
September	333.0	307.0	277.5	29.5	26.0	7.8	8.3	.3
October	335.6	308.1	275.6	32.5	27.5	8.2	8.6	.3
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ *Non-additive - included in total employment.* *Series began January 1970.*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers. # *Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.*

p: Revised.

Table X

GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # County	Percent # State	
1973								
January	31.4	29.1	27.7	1.4	2.3	7.3	6.5	*
February	31.5	29.2	27.7	1.5	2.3	7.3	6.1	*
March	31.5	29.2	27.8	1.4	2.3	7.3	5.9	*
April	31.6	29.3	28.0	1.3	2.3	7.3	6.0	*
May	32.1	29.6	28.2	1.4	2.5	7.8	6.1	*
June	32.3	29.6	28.3	1.3	2.7	8.4	6.5	0
July	32.4	30.0	28.4	1.6	2.4	7.4	6.3	0
August	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.1	0
September	32.2	30.0	28.5	1.5	2.2	6.8	6.1	*
October	32.3	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.1	6.5	6.3	0
November	32.1	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.2	6.9	6.2	*
December	32.0	29.9	28.5	1.4	2.1	6.6	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	32.0	29.7	28.3	1.4	2.3	7.2	6.2	*
1974								
January	32.8	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.5	7.6	7.0	*
February	32.4	30.3	28.8	1.5	2.1	6.5	6.2	*
March	32.6	30.4	28.9	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.3	*
April	32.4	30.2	28.8	1.4	2.2	6.8	6.7	*
May	32.4	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.6	1.4
June	32.5	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.2	6.8	7.2	1.2
July	32.6	30.5	28.7	1.8	2.1	6.4	6.7	*
August	32.6	30.5	29.1	1.4	2.1	6.4	6.5	*
September	32.5	30.5	29.2	1.3	2.0	6.2	6.5	*
October	33.2	31.1	29.5	1.6	2.1	6.3	6.6	*
November	32.7	30.5	28.9	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
December	32.8	30.6	29.1	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.0	*
1974 Avg.	32.7	30.5	29.0	1.5	2.2	6.7	6.7	.2
1975								
January	32.9	30.7	29.1	1.6	2.2	6.7	7.0	*
February	33.5	30.8	29.1	1.7	2.7	8.1	8.1	*
March	33.2	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.7	8.1	7.9	.1
April	33.4	30.5	29.3	1.2	2.9	8.7	8.6	.1
May	33.3	31.2	29.8	1.4	2.6	7.6	8.2	*
June	33.7	31.2	29.9	1.3	2.5	7.4	8.7	*
July"	33.5	30.8	29.5	1.3	2.7	8.0	8.1	*
August	33.7	31.1	30.0	1.1	2.6	7.8	7.8	*
September	33.8	31.2	30.1	1.1	2.6	7.7	7.8	*
October	34.2	31.2	30.0	1.2	3.0	8.8	8.2	*
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ Non-additive - included in total employment. *Series began January 1970.*

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r: Revised.

BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)

Civilian Labor Force

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED

in Thousands

Date	Civilian Labor Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Management Dispute 1/
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent # County	Percent # State	
1973								
January	42.1	39.9	38.5	1.4	2.2	5.2	6.5	*
February	42.1	40.2	38.7	1.5	1.9	4.5	5.1	*
March	42.4	40.7	39.1	1.6	1.7	4.0	5.9	0
April	43.3	41.1	39.4	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.0	*
May	43.4	41.0	39.4	1.6	2.4	5.5	6.1	*
June	43.9	41.3	39.8	1.5	2.6	5.9	6.5	.3
July	43.9	41.4	39.8	1.6	2.5	5.7	6.3	*
August	44.8	42.3	40.1	2.2	2.5	5.6	6.1	*
September	44.1	41.9	40.1	1.8	2.2	5.0	6.1	*
October	44.1	41.7	40.0	1.7	2.4	5.4	6.3	*
November	44.3	42.0	40.4	1.6	2.3	5.2	6.2	*
December	44.3	42.5	40.8	1.7	1.8	4.1	5.9	*
1973 Avg.	43.5	41.3	39.6	1.7	2.2	5.1	6.2	*
1974								
January	45.4	42.5	41.0	1.5	2.9	6.4	7.0	0
February	45.1	42.9	41.4	1.5	2.2	4.9	6.2	0
March	45.5	43.4	41.7	1.7	2.1	4.6	6.3	0
April	45.6	43.1	41.4	1.7	2.5	5.5	6.7	0
May	45.8	43.4	41.5	1.9	2.4	5.2	6.6	.5
June	46.4	43.6	41.6	2.0	2.8	6.0	7.2	.5
July	46.6	44.1	42.1	2.0	2.5	5.4	6.7	*
August	46.2	44.0	42.0	2.0	2.2	4.8	6.5	*
September	46.2	43.9	42.3	1.6	2.3	5.0	6.5	*
October	46.2	43.9	42.0	1.9	2.3	5.0	6.6	*
November	45.6	43.2	41.4	1.8	2.4	5.3	7.0	*
December	45.8	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.3	5.0	7.0	*
1974 Avg.	45.9	43.5	41.7	1.8	2.4	5.3	6.7	*
1975								
January	46.5	43.4	41.8	1.6	3.1	6.7	7.0	*
February	46.5	43.2	41.5	1.7	3.3	7.1	8.1	*
March	46.1	42.9	41.5	1.4	3.2	7.0	7.9	.1
April	46.7	43.0	41.5	1.5	3.7	7.9	8.6	*
May	46.8	43.8	42.2	1.6	3.0	6.5	8.2	*
June	46.8	43.6	42.0	1.6	3.2	6.8	8.7	*
July r	47.0	43.9	42.6	1.3	3.1	6.7	8.1	*
August	47.8	44.6	43.0	1.6	3.2	6.7	7.8	*
September	48.2	45.0	43.6	1.4	3.2	6.6	7.8	.2
October	47.7	44.5	43.1	1.4	3.2	6.6	8.2	.2
November								
December								
Avg.								

* *Under 50.* *Current month preliminary.* *Revised to 1974 Benchmarks.*

1/ Non-additive - included in Total Employment. *Series began January 1970.*

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Table XII

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS

For Private Nonagricultural Industries

OCTOBER 1975

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Oct. 1975	Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974	Oct. 1975	Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974	Oct. 1975	Sep. 1975	Oct. 1974
TOTAL PRIVATE	$164.71	$165.53	$157.75	36.2	36.3	36.6	$4.55	$4.56	$4.31
MANUFACTURING	202.58	211.07	195.83	36.9	38.1	38.1	5.49	5.54	5.14
Durable Goods	200.00	189.07	190.62	36.9	37.0	36.8	5.42	5.11	5.18
Primary Metal Industries	255.42	248.46	226.55	39.6	39.5	40.6	6.45	6.29	5.58
Nondurable Goods	210.53	226.80	210.31	37.0	37.8	41.4	5.69	6.00	5.08
Food and Kindred Products	186.82	213.07	200.69	38.6	39.9	44.4	4.84	5.34	4.52
MINING	295.65	287.06	256.80	45.0	44.3	42.8	6.57	6.48	6.00
Metal Mining	302.29	281.80	271.19	43.0	40.9	43.6	7.03	6.89	6.22
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	290.49	302.16	284.83	37.1	38.2	36.1	7.83	7.91	7.89
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	259.58	256.89	251.55	41.8	41.5	43.0	6.21	6.19	5.85
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	227.37	218.68	209.88	39.0	37.9	39.6	5.83	5.77	5.30
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	130.32	129.96	121.06	35.9	36.0	35.5	3.63	3.61	3.41
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	116.96	117.98	111.97	36.1	36.3	37.2	3.24	3.25	3.01
SERVICES	104.65	105.62	101.59	32.3	32.4	33.2	3.24	3.26	3.06

Data for current month are preliminary.
Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.
Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XIII

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

SEPTEMBER 1975

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974	Sep. 1975	Aug. 1975	Sep. 1974
MANUFACTURING	4.0	5.1	3.4	3.3	4.2	2.8	5.3	4.3	6.9	3.1	2.9	3.2	1.2	0.7	2.6
Durable Goods	4.0	5.3	2.1	3.3	4.8	1.9	5.1	4.7	5.9	3.3	3.2	3.1	0.8	0.4	1.5
Primary Metal Industries	2.4	1.5	3.4	0.1	0.2	2.9	2.7	2.8	5.7	0.3	0.8	3.6	1.6	0.3	1.1
Nondurable Goods	3.8	4.8	5.9	3.1	2.8	4.5	5.5	3.6	8.7	2.5	2.4	3.5	2.2	1.1	4.5
MINING	3.1	3.3	3.5	1.6	1.9	2.8	4.9	4.8	7.4	1.9	2.4	4.6	1.5	1.3	0.3
Metal Mining	0.9	1.8	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.6	5.5	2.4	8.5	1.4	0.2	5.4	1.8	0.7	0.5

* *Less than .05.*
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY INDUSTRY

New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following page are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The chart on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts in Montana during the current month and year to date, with a comparison to the previous year.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses by industry, with a comparison to last year.

Industry	Oct. 1975	Oct. 1974	Year to Date 1975	Year to Date 1974
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	26	36	248	232
MINING	5	8	53	53
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	32	31	296	309
MANUFACTURING	6	22	91	134
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	7	1	61	80
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	46	53	488	514
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	18	15	182	165
SERVICES	94	86	823	694
GOVERNMENT	0	0	0	0
NOT ELSEWHERE CLASSIFIED	0	1	2	1
STATE TOTAL	234	253	2,244	2,182

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

BY LABOR MARKET AREA

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS Oct. 1975	Oct. 1974	Year to Date 1975	1974
STATE OF MONTANA	234	253	2,244	2,182
GREAT FALLS SMSA	19	24	207	168
BILLINGS SMSA	33	31	338	312
ANACONDA-BUTTE LMA	16	35	162	185
Beaverhead	1	2	34	26
Deer Lodge	2	11	19	26
Granite	1	3	3	10
Madison	3	5	21	15
Powell	2	5	12	24
Silver Bow	7	9	73	84
BOZEMAN LMA	20	30	194	202
Gallatin	17	23	159	160
Meagher	0	1	5	5
Park	3	6	30	37
GLASGOW LMA	14	11	92	85
Daniels	3	0	22	6
Phillips	1	4	14	15
Roosevelt	6	0	27	10
Sheridan	0	5	13	15
Valley	4	2	16	39
GLENDIVE LMA	11	6	92	68
Dawson	5	1	41	29
Garfield	1	0	9	7
McCone	0	4	10	9
Prairie	2	0	4	3
Richland	3	1	27	18
Wibaux	0	0	1	2
HARDIN-RED LODGE LMA	4	4	63	70
Big Horn	1	1	30	20
Carbon	2	2	10	25
Stillwater	0	0	13	18
Sweet Grass	1	1	10	7

Areas	NEW BUSINESS FIRMS Oct. 1975	Oct. 1974	Year to Date 1975	1974
HAVRE LMA	5	13	74	75
Blaine	1	2	16	10
Hill	3	7	53	55
Liberty	1	4	5	10
HELENA LMA	19	19	147	154
Broadwater	2	2	8	5
Jefferson	1	1	16	16
Lewis and Clark	16	16	123	133
KALISPELL LMA	26	22	246	274
Flathead	19	12	171	170
Lake	3	9	49	72
Lincoln	4	1	26	32
LEWISTOWN LMA	6	3	47	59
Fergus	5	0	33	27
Golden Valley	0	0	0	3
Judith Basin	0	1	1	8
Musselshell	1	2	8	12
Petroleum	0	0	0	0
Wheatland	0	0	5	9
MILES CITY LMA	8	13	104	97
Carter	0	5	4	7
Custer	6	3	49	53
Fallon	0	2	15	14
Powder River	0	1	5	4
Rosebud	2	2	26	16
Treasure	0	0	5	3
MISSOULA LMA	38	36	376	354
Mineral	2	2	7	7
Missoula	29	28	286	265
Ravalli	6	4	48	57
Sanders	1	2	35	25
SHELBY-CUT BANK LMA	15	6	102	79
Chouteau	3	2	12	11
Glacier	3	3	31	21
Pondera	5	0	28	15
Teton	1	0	14	17
Toole	3	1	17	15

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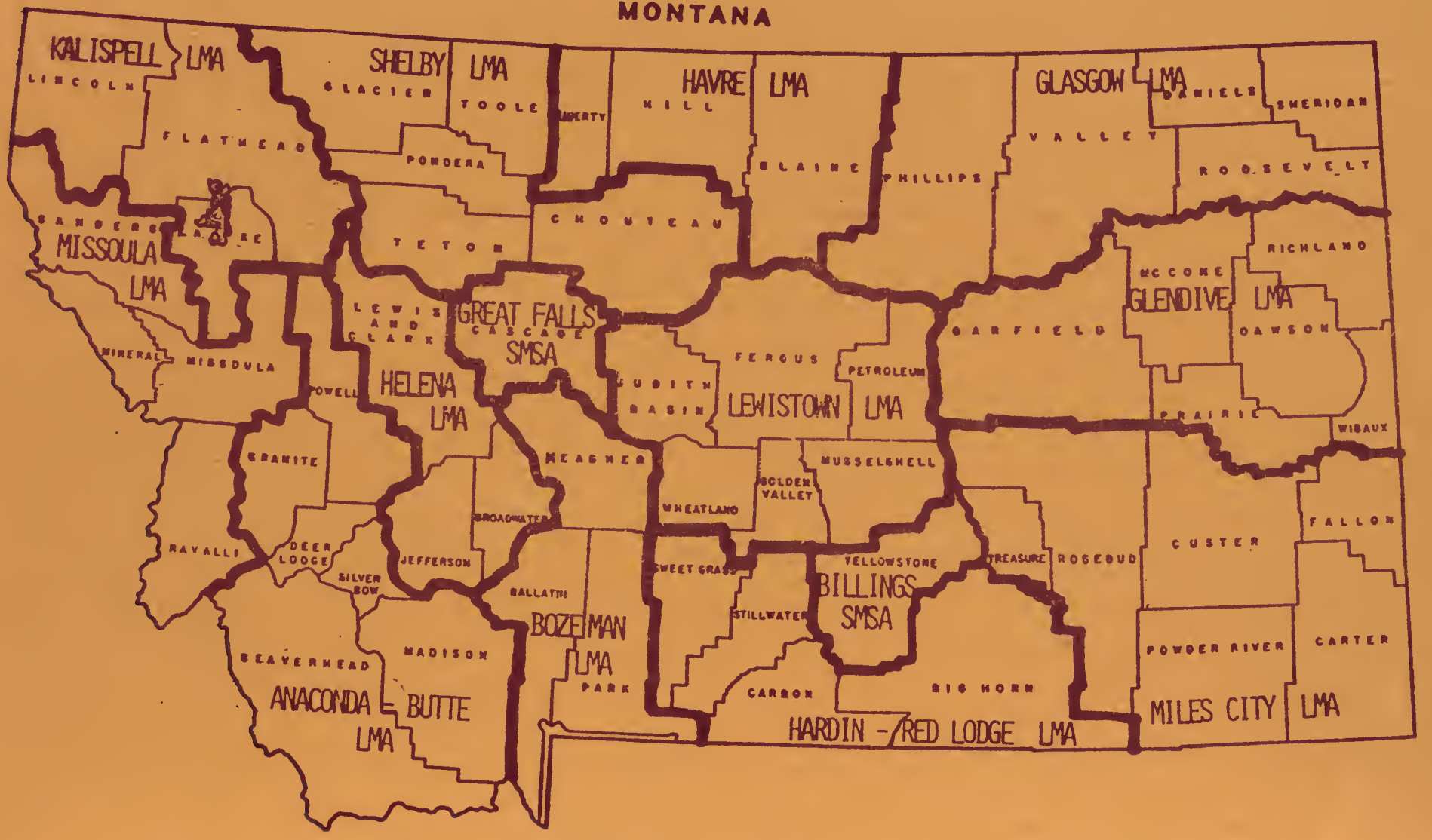

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